

## Claims

What is claimed is:

1. Lantern Support Post comprising:

an upper support post;

a lower support post;

a friction sleeve;

a ground stake tube;

said upper support post being rigid and tubular and having a centrally located slit in a parallel disposition to the top of said upper support post;

said lower support post being rigid and tubular and having a reduced connection portion at its top that slidably engages with the bottom of said upper support tube;

said support stake being rigid and capable of being driven into the ground;

the top of said support stake capable of slidably inserting into the bottom of said lower support tube; and

said friction sleeve capable of frictionally sliding onto said upper support post so that it can be adjusted to support the bottom lip of a standard camping lantern.

2. Lantern Support Post as claimed in claim 1 wherein said ground stake tube includes a top cap made of high impact plastic such as nylon or ABS that can withstand

the blows of a hammer without major distortion.

3. Lantern Support Post as claimed in claim 2 wherein said high impact plastic cap includes a centrally located aperture so that the user can insert a rod to push out dirt that may have collected within said ground stake tube.

4. Lantern Support Post as claimed in claim 2 wherein the bottom perimeter of said ground stake tube is angled and sharpened to aid in the insertion of said ground stake tube into the ground.